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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: **Kevin J. Ward**

Serial No.: **08/905,130**

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For: **MULTILAYER FORMING FABRIC
WITH STITCHING YARN PAIRS INTEGRATED
INTO PAPERMAKING SURFACE**

Group Art Unit: **3741**

Examiner: **A. Falik**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 3 AUGUST 1998

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated 3 August 1998. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given the Official Action dated 3 August 1998 in preparing this response. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

The Office Action and Status of the Claims

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4, 14, 15, 17, 23, 24, 26 and 27 stand rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,152,326 to Vöhringer (hereinafter, "Vöhringer"). Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 13-17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 stand rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by **Figures 5-9** of U.S. Patent No. 5, 518,042 to Wilson (hereinafter, "Wilson '042") or any of the embodiments of **Figures 1-17** of U.S. Patent No. 4,987,929 to Wilson (hereinafter, "Wilson '929"). Claim 7 stands rejected under Section 103 as being unpatentable over Vöhringer in view of Wilson '929. Claims 5, 6, 10-12, 18, 19, 22 and 25 have been objected to, but have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.